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PATENT

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Applicant: Mastaler et al.  
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Title: BATTERY ADAPTER FOR A CORDLESS POWER  
TOOL SYSTEM AND RELATED METHOD  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to substantive examination of the above case.

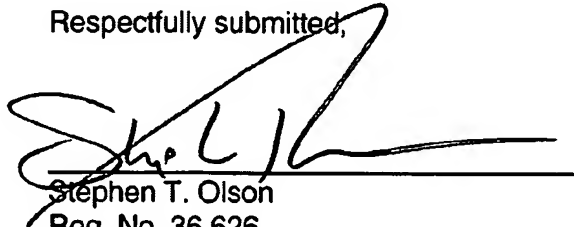
**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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## REMARKS

Prior to substantive examination, applicants are amending the claims. Claims 1, 6-9, 11, 12, 15-17 and 20-32 are now pending in the application. Basis for all amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims is in a condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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